

*His Highness the Prince of ORANGE His SPEECH
to the Scots Lords and Gentlemen;*

WITH

*Their Address, and His Highness his Answer.
With a true Account of what past at their Meeting in
the Council-Chamber, at Whitehall, Jan. 1688.*

*His Highness the PRINCE of Orange having caused Advertise such of the Scots
Lords and Gentlemen, as were in Town, met them in a Room at St. James,
upon Monday the Seventh of January at three of the Clock in the Afternoon, and
had this Speech to them.*

My Lords and Gentlemen,

THE only Reason that induced me to undergo so great an Undertaking, was, That I saw the *Laws and Liberties* of these Kingdoms overturned, and the *Protestant Religion* in Eminent Danger; and seeing you are here so many Noblemen and Gentlemen, I have called you together, that I may have your *Advice*, what is to be done for *Securing the Protestant Religion*, and *Restoring your Laws and Liberties*, according to my *Declaration*.

As soon as His Highness had retired, the Lords and Gentlemen went to the Council Chamber at White-Hall, and having Chosen the Duke of Hamilton their President, they fell a Consulting, what Advice was fit to be given to His Highness in this Conjunction; and after some hours reasoning, they Agreed upon the Materials of it, and appointed the Clerks, with such as were to assist them, to draw up in Writing, what the Meeting thought expedient, to Advise His Highness, and to bring it in to the Meeting, the next day in the Afternoon.

Tuesday the Eighth Instant, the Writing was presented in the Meeting, and some time being spent in Reasoning about the fittest way of Conveening a General Meeting of the Estates of Scotland. At last the Meeting came to Agree in their Opinion, and appointed the Advice to be Writ clean over, according to the Amendments. But as they were about to part, for that Dyer, the Earl of Arran proposed to them, as his Lordships Advice, that they should move the PRINCE of Orange, to desire the KING to return, and Call a Free-Parliament, which would be the best way to Secure the Protestant Religion and Property, and to Heal all Breaches. This Proposal seemed to dissatisfy the whole Meeting, and the Duke of Hamilton their President, Father to the Earl, but they presently parted.

Wednesday the Ninth of January, They met at three of the Clock in the same Room, and Sir Patrick Hume took notice of the Proposal made by the Earl of Arran, and desired to know if there was any there that would second it: But none appearing to do it, he said, That what the Earl had proposed, was evidently opposit and inimicus to His Highness the Prince of Orange's Undertaking, his Declaration, and the Good Intentions of preserving the Protestant Religion, and of Restoring their Laws and Liberties express in it. And further, desired that the Meeting should Declare this to be their Opinion of it. The Lord Cardross seconded Sir Patrick's Motion; It was answered by the Duke of Hamilton, President of the Meeting, That their business was to prepare an Advice to be offered to the Prince; and the Advice being now ready to go to the Vote, there was no need that the Meeting should give their Sense of the Earls Proposal, which neither before nor after Sir Patrick's Motion, any had pretended to owne or second; so that it was fallen, and out of doors; and that the Vote of the Meeting, upon the Advice brought in by their Order, would sufficiently declare their Opinion: Thus being seconded by the Earl of Sutherland, the Lord Cardross, and Sir Patrick did acquiesce; and the Meeting Voted unanimously the Address following.

To

To His Highness the PRINCE of Orange.

WE the Lords and Gentlemen of the Kingdom of Scotland, Assembled at your Highness's desire, in this Extraordinary Conjunction, do give Your Highness our humble and hearty Thanks for Your Pious and Generous undertaking, for Preserving of the Protestant Religion, and Restoring the Laws and Liberties of these Kingdoms.

In Order to the Attaining of these Ends, our humble Advice and desire is, That Your Highness take upon You the Administration of all affairs, both Civil and Military; the Disposal of the publick Revenues and Fortresses of the Kingdom of Scotland, and the doing every thing that is necessary for the Preservation of the Peace of the Kingdom, untill a General Meeting of the States of the Nation, which we humbly desire your Highness to call, to be holden at Edinburgh the Fourteenth day of March next, by your Letters or Proclamation to be published at the Market Cross of Edinburgh, and other Head-Boroughs of the several Shires and Stewartries, as sufficient Intimation to all concerned, according to the Custom of the Kingdom: And that the Publication of these Your Letters or Proclamation, be by the Sheriff or Stewart Clerks, for the Free-holders, who have the value of Lands, holden according to Law, for making Elections; And by the Town-Clerks of the several Burroughs, for the Meeting of the whole Burgeses of the respective Royal Burroughs, to make their Elections at least Fifteen Days before the Meeting of the Estates at *Edinburgh*, and the respective Clerks to make Intimation thereof, at least Ten Dayes before the Meetings for Elections: and that the whole Electors and Members of the said Meeting at *Edinburgh*, qualified as above exprest, be Protestants, without any other Exception, or Limitation whatsoever; to Deliberate and Resolve what is to be done for Securing the Protestant Religion, and Restoring the Laws and Liberties of the Kingdom, according to Your Highness Declaration, Dated at the Council Chamber in *Whitehall* the tenth day of *Jan.* 1689.

This Address being Subscribed by Thirty Lords, and about Fourscore Gentlemen, was presented in their presence at St. James's by the Duke of Hamilton their President, to His Highness the Prince of Orange, who Thanked them for the Trust they reposed in him, and desired a Time to consider upon so Weighty an Affair.

Upon the Fourteenth of January, His Highness the Prince of Orange met again with the Scots Lords and Gentlemen, at St. James's; And spake to them as follows.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

IN pursuance of Your Advice, I will, until the Meeting of the Estates in March next, give such Orders concerning the Affairs of Scotland, as are necessary for the Calling of the said Meeting, for the Preserving of the Peace; the Applying of the publick Revenue to the most pressing Uses, and putting the Fortresses in the Hands of Persons, in whom the Nation can have a Just Confidence: And I do further Assure you, That you will always find Me ready to Concur with You in every Thing that may be found necessary for Securing the Protestant Religion, and Restoring the Laws and Liberties of the Nation.

The Earl of Crawford desired of His Highness, That himself, the Earl of Louthian, and others, come to Town since the Address was presented, might have an opportunity to Subscribe it; which was accordingly done: His Highness retired, and all shewed great Satisfaction with His Answer.

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